

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I strongly oppose allowing cable companies to acquire more than 30% of the national market. As news sources shrink, we are more likely to get only a few slanted viewpoints. I am already subscribing to BBC because of the shrinkage that has already taken place.

Please act to safe-guard the public interest by keeping the cable ownership cap and the broadcast/newspaper cross-ownership rule.